

the **Dagligtale**

Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta

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The Olympics Hit Camrose

Whether or not you support the Olympics, or even care about them at all, you cannot deny that the torch ceremony held at the Edgeworth Centre was worth your while. The event was filled with speeches, running, dancing, singing, and above all, community spirit.

The parking lot was filled with around 2,000 people from all over the country, most of which were from Camrose and the surrounding area. A few devoted fans have been following the torch across the country. For many, it was a once-in-a-lifetime event.

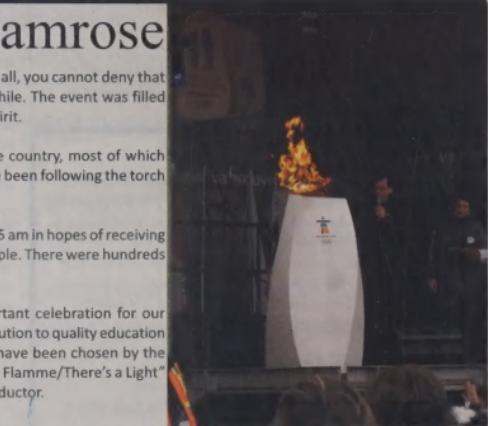
Although the event officially started at 11 am, people started filing in at 5 am in hopes of receiving a pair of complementary Olympic gloves, handed out to the first 70 people. There were hundreds of people lined up before 7 am had even hit.

"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to take part in an important celebration for our community. It was inspirational to celebrate Gary Gibson and his contribution to quality education and excellence in leadership. The Augustana Choir was honoured to have been chosen by the Olympic Torch Relay committee to sing the official torch anthem, *Cette Flamme/There's a Light*" says Dr. Ardelle Ries, Augustana Choir and Augustana Men's Choir Conductor.



That night, the Augustana Vikings Hockey team played against the Briercrest Clippers. This was unique, as the Briercrest's talented goalie, Jesse Chenard, is originally from Camrose. This game was exhilarating in so many ways. It started with the ceremonial puck drop by Dean, Roger Epp, accompanied by Garry Gibson. Following this, members of the Augustana Choir, sang the national anthem. The Camrose Figure Skating Club entertained us during the first intermission, which ended with them skating in circles in the appropriate colours to match the Olympic logo, around former Camrose Olympians.

The game was just as eventful. Playing in front of a crowd bigger than any other seen this year, the Augustana Vikings played their hearts out, winning 3-2 in the last few seconds of overtime, thanks to the game winning goal by Torrie Dyck. "Friday evening's game against Briercrest was a real treat for our Vikings players as the crowd created a tremendous atmosphere and the guys really responded with a great effort. Playing as well as we did, yet still needing overtime to get the win, made for a very exciting and rewarding evening. Our players then carried that emotion and momentum into Saturday afternoon's contest where we shut-out the Clippers 4-0." Blane Gusdal, Augustana Viking's Head Coach.



It was a unique experience for me, personally, as I am a part of the Augustana Choir, and was backstage for most of the celebration. I was able to meet Quatchi and Miga, two of the Canadian Olympic mascots, as they came to hang out with our choir. Also among us was the Augustana Men's Choir, which contained students, teachers, and community members alike. We were also interviewed by TravelAlberta and met Aaron Pritchett almost making him late to get on stage. Both the Camrose volunteers and the employees were all very helpful, nice, complementary and above all, appreciative. There was nothing they wouldn't do to help us or make us feel comfortable, which included filling our dressing room with beverages, muffins and fruits.



There were five seconds left in overtime when #10 Torrie Dyck, team leading scorer, scored the tie-breaking goal.

- Photo Courtesy of Alicia Hurley

Following the hockey game, was the best part of any event, the fireworks. Beginning promptly at 9:30pm, and lasting almost a full half hour, the fireworks were far from disappointing. This was an all around great experience.

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ATTENTION!!!!

Augustana Campus, University of Alberta will celebrate the 2010 International Week (I-Week), February 1-5, by exploring issues relevant to Augustana's students. What better voice to listen to than our very own International Students. The week will focus on the diversity of lenses in which we view our continually changing world, specifically through the lenses of students who have experienced challenges and cultural differences after leaving their home and studying/living/working abroad.

For a complete schedule of events, go to:
www.augustana.ualberta.ca/lab/iweek

If you have any questions, please contact the LaB office;
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Letter to the Editor

A Plea to Pedestrians

When driving at night it is hard to see you standing on the side of the street waiting to j-walk in front of the university. It is my job as a driver to keep an eye out for you, but this is a shared responsibility, and as such there needs to be participation on both parts. I understand that it is dark out earlier and earlier now, and I must be more vigilant to spot you when I am driving. But it is your job to help me by making yourself as visible as possible. A reflector sewn on to a jacket or even some reflective tape on the straps of a backpack makes all the difference and could potentially save your life. If you are standing in the shadows wearing: grey, brown, or black, there is a really good chance that I cannot see you and therefore cannot stop to let you cross. I have no problem stopping, especially when the weather is miserable, but I need to be able to see that you are there, before I am too close to you to stop and let you cross the street.

We all enjoy going to the bar, and staggering back to dorms is something that just happens, but please, PLEASE do not stagger down the middle of the street, again this is dangerous. Walk on the sidewalks or one the shoulder of the road where people would park instead of down the middle of the street. This way you are not stopping traffic and we can all be safe. The streets are slippery, and I would hate for someone to fall into traffic because they are drunk and really are not thinking about safety. It happens. I have a responsibility, but we all need to work together to ensure the safety of everyone.

Thank you,
A very concerned driver.

Notes from the Students' Association...

Correction:

In the January issue of Ass. Talk, it was mistakenly reported that Residence fees would increase by 5.8%. The increase will be 3.8%. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

ASA Annual General Meeting

January 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the Coffee House

Info Night

Ask questions

Find out about running for a Council position

Financial Update

Free pizza and juice!

*Make a difference...
run for Student Council*

President
VP Finance & Operations
VP Communications & External Affairs
VP Student Life & Activities
2 Second Year Reps
Third Year Rep
Fourth Year Rep
2 Off Campus Reps
2 Councilors at Large
International Students' Rep

Election packages will be available from the SA Office on January 27th.

The **deadline** to submit your nomination is **February 11th**.



Events and Goings On's Around Campus

The Clash of Tradition and Modernity in the Piano Music of Arnold Schoenberg – **Monday January 25th**, 12:30pm in the Chapel.

Hockey vs. MacEwan – **Wednesday January 27th**, 7:30 at the Edgeworth.

Aboriginal Student Services Round Dance – **Friday, January 29th**, Student Union Building on the North Campus (Shuttle bus will be available, e-mail aso@augustana.ca for more information).

Women's Basketball vs. Concordia – **Saturday, January 30th**, 6pm in the gym.

Men's Basketball vs. Concordia – **Saturday, January 30th**, 8pm in the gym.

Sustainability: Nuclear Power Forum; live webcast – **Sunday January 31st**, 1pm in H080.

International Week – **February 1st – 5th** for more information go to www.augustana.ualberta.ca/lab/iweek.

Asian Club Showcase – **Monday February 1st**, 9am-4pm in the Faith and Life Lounge.

Intercultural Communication Workshop – **Monday February 1st**, 4-6pm in the Faith and Life Lounge.

Drumming Circle – **Monday February 1st**, 5:30-7pm in the Chapel.

Kautokeino Opproet (movie night) – **Monday February 1st**, 7:30-9pm in the coffeehouse.

World Wetlands Day: How Beavers Battled the Drought and Won – **Tuesday February 2nd**, 12:15-1:30 pm in C103.

International Flag Raising – **Tuesday February 2nd**, 2-3pm in the Faith and Life Lounge.

Jijivisha (film) – **Tuesday February 2nd**, 6pm in the Coffeehouse.

Augustana's Chaplaincy

I-Week Fair Trade Sale

Come and check out the *International Week Fair Trade Sale* from February 2nd to 3rd in the Faith and Life Lounge. Featured items will include spices, Palestinian olive oil, soap, chocolate, and tea towels. *Coconut and Fancy* will again be selling hand crafted jewelry from Thailand. The ever-popular SAGA T-shirts (Students Against Global Apathy) will also be available and a new issue of *Roger Is My Homeboy* T-shirts. Who could resist the opportunity to sport the image of our own Dean Roger Epp?

This event is sponsored by the I-Week committee and Augustana Chaplaincy.

Valentine's Day Cookie Sale

On Friday, February 12 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Chaplaincy, the Augustana FaithLife Financial Chapter and Augustana Against AIDS will be hosting the third annual *Valentine's Day Cookie Sale*. For a mere \$5 per dozen, you can pick from a wide selection of home-made cookies. Proceeds from this sale will support Augustana Against AIDS and Positive Living North. This event is sponsored by FaithLife Financial and all proceeds up to \$500 will be eligible for a matching grant.

If you would like to bake for this event, cookies can be left with Robyn Simpson Mohr in F & L, 216.

International Debate – **Tuesday February 2nd**, 6:30-8pm in the Chapel.

Learn to Salsa – **Wednesday February 3rd**, 10:30am-12:20pm in the Gym.

The State of World Water – **Wednesday February 3rd**, 11:30-12:20pm in C167.

Water: Accessibility, Social Justice & Safety – **Wednesday February 3rd**, 6:30-8pm in F103.

Hand games tournament – **Thursday February 4th**, 12:15-2:15pm in the Faith and Life Lounge.

Wasted and Disposable (films) - **Thursday February 4th**, 6pm in the Coffeehouse.

International Student Play/Sketches/Talent Show Extravaganza! – **Thursday February 4th**, at 7-9pm in the Coffeehouse.

International Week Keynote Speaker – **Friday February 5th**, 4:30-6pm in the Coffeehouse.

Munch: Music at Lunch – **Friday February 5th**, noon in the Chapel.

4th Steinway Inaugural Series – **Friday February 5th**, 7:30 in the Chapel.

Sylvia Shadick Concert – **Wednesday February 10th**, noon in the Chapel.

Hockey vs. Concordia – **Wednesday February 10th**, 7:30pm at the Edgeworth.

The Stages of Love – **Friday February 12th and Saturday February 13th**, 6pm in Norsemen Inn (Buy Tickets in Advance).

Reading Week – **February 15th – 21st**.

Women's Basketball vs NAIT – **Saturday February 20th**, 6pm in the gym.

Men's Basketball vs NAIT – **Saturday February 20th**, 8pm in the gym.

Slavery & the British Empire / An Unamiable Trade – **Monday February 22nd**, 12:30pm in C014.

Fact: Did you know installing an aerator attachment on your sink faucets can reduce water use by 25%?

Can you survive off a bucket of water a day for one week?

Take the reading week challenge.

Submit funny photos of your unique water conservation idea to watersustainability@hotmail.com

Contest winners for the most creative photo will receive a prize and be announced on **WATER SUSTAINABILITY DAY, Thursday, February 25th!!**

Stay Tuned for more information.

*Deadline for photo submissions is February 20th at 5:00p.m.

**All photo submissions will be shown publicly

Save water, shower together!

-Alicia Berger

Sports

Augustana Vikings Cross Country Skiing

On December 19th – 22nd, our Vikings participated in the NorAm Cup at the Canmore Nordic Center. There were participants from all over the country including Whitehorse, Thunder Bay, and international competitors from Idaho, and even Australia, Sweden and the Czech Republic. The ages of the competitors ranged from 15 – 45 years old.

Our own Maja Zimmerman placed 9th out of 19 skiers in the 10 km classic race. She also won the B final in 1.45 classic sprint. Zimmerman is a 2nd year BArts major who hails from Edmonton.

As for our boys team, Andy Brisbin placed third in the Junior Men's 1.7km classic. As if that wasn't good enough, this Saskatoon boy also placed 12th in the 15km open Men's classic out of the 27 participants.

Andy did so well, he traveled to Quebec earlier this year to complete another set of NorAm races, and finished 5th in the 15km Classic event. This shows how well Nationals, a major team goal, could potentially be.

Nationals take place in Whitehorse, on Friday March 12th.

A little more recently, our team competed at the Athabasca Loppet on January 16th. Our own 2nd year Kieran Baird earning a gold, and Andy Brisbin winning the silver in the Men 40 years and under 20km free event.



Did you know: Up and coming star Andy Brisbin (shown here) is rumoured to be single.... Hmm...

Photo by Joel Gervais



Cross country ski coach Joan Skinstad cuddling up to hubby, Viking's biathlon coach Hans Skinstad.

Photo by Joel Gervais

Fun Fact: Many of the student athletes didn't attend the first races for the year. Why? Poor driving conditions. Typical of Alberta.

In case our Vikings Cross-country ski team didn't seem busy enough, they have also competed in the Grande Prairie at the beginning of 2010, spent last weekend (January 23rd) competing in the Ole Uffda Loppet here in Camrose, and are still competing a number of more times before the season is up. See the schedule below for dates.

The Western Canadian Championships – **February 10th-14th**, in Pinawa, Manitoba

Alberta Cup Series #5 & #6 – **February 26th-28th**, in Edmonton, Alberta

Nationals CCUNC – **March 12th-21st**, in Whitehorse, Yukon

Alberta Cup Series #7 & #8 – **March 27th-28th**, in Mount Shark, Alberta.

To be Noted: The Augustana Ski team is also supported by the Camrose ski club, who provides the use of 20kms of groomed trails, just off campus.



Written by Alison McDonald with the help of Coach Joan Skinstad

Hell on Earth

-Alicia Berger

As I'm sure everyone has now heard, on January 12th the small Caribbean country of Haiti experienced an earthquake of unprecedented magnitude, with a preliminary measuring of 7.0. After experiencing more than 30 aftershocks, which destroyed hospitals, homes and even the presidential palace, Haiti was left in ruins with an estimated death toll around 200,000 lives.

A severely impoverished country to begin with, Haiti lacks the infrastructure required to eventually rebuild their country. Even before being hit with a horrific earthquake, Haiti was one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world with an estimated 80% of the population living below the poverty line. In fact, most people make about \$2 per day.

Prior to the earthquake, Foreign Aid, primarily from the U.S., Canada and the EU, made up 30-40% of the yearly federal budget. After this crisis, the need is that much greater. If you would like to donate money to help Haiti, please check out of these foundations:

UNICEF is deploying clean water and sanitation supplies, therapeutic foods, medical supplies and temporary shelter to Jacmel and Port-au-Prince. UNICEF will also be

focusing on children who have become separated from their families to protect them from harm or exploitation. For more information or to donate go to www.unicef.org

CARE plans to start food distributions using stocks of high-protein biscuits from CARE warehouses in Haiti. CARE has 133 staff who are on the ground coordinating with U.N. agencies and other aid organizations to gather more detailed information about the damage and will rapidly scale up response based on those assessments. Visit www.care.org

The Red Cross International Response Fund provides immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need. Check out www.redcross.ca to donate or get more information about Haiti donation scandals.

Red Cross Canada can also help you contact relatives currently in Haiti. To get more information on how you can help victims in Haiti, to find someone currently in Haiti or if you have information about someone you can visit www.google.com/haitiearthquake

You can also check out the efforts to help Haiti survivors here on campus – donations are being accepted in the Faith and Life Lounge.

2009: In Review

Top grossing movies: via boxofficemojo.com

Best Trend in 2009:
One Word, FARMVILLE

Most downloaded song on iTunes in 2009:
Boom Boom Pow - Black-eyed Peas

Top 10 Video Games according to Time Magazine:

1. Modern Warfare 2
2. Batman: Arkham Asylum
3. DJ Hero
4. Borderlands
5. New Super Mario Bros. Wii
6. Geo-Defense Swarm
7. Scribblenauts
8. Halo 3: ODST
9. Assassin's Creed 2
10. Uncharted 2

Top 10 most pirated TV-shows of 2009 via torrentfreak.com

1. Heroes
2. Lost
3. Prison Break
4. Dexter
5. House
6. 24
7. Desperate Housewives
8. Terminator - The Sarah Connor Chronicles
9. Grey's Anatomy
10. True Blood

Most downloaded country song on iTunes in 2009, and in history:
Love Story - Taylor Swift

Worst moments in 2009
Vince from *ShamWow!* and the slapshop (you're going to love my nuts) arrested for punching alleged hooker several times. Feb 7th 2009

Oprah announcing the retirement of show in 2011. Nov 19th 2009

Kanye West vs. Taylor Swift

The Balloon Boy scandal

California prop 8

Tiger Woods' infidelity

The Swine Flu Epidemic

Notable Deaths:

June 25th - Michael Jackson, age 50

June 25th - Farrah Fawcett, age 62

June 28th - Billy Mays, age 51

July 17th - Walter Cronkite - age 92

September 14th - Patrick Swayze - age 57

December 20th - Britney Murphy - age 32

Worst movies of 2009 via movie-morons.com

1. Ace Ventura Jr. Pet Detective
2. Pink Panther 2
3. Fired Up
4. Dance Flick
5. Stoic
6. Giallo
7. I Love you Phillip Morris
8. The Ugly Truth
9. Ruslan
10. Chandni Chowk to China

Investing in Discourse and Counteracting Inconsistency: Reflections on Debate, Argumentation and Power

As my time at Augustana nears its end, and I reflect on the many and varied experiences that I have had on this campus, the wonderful people that I have met and the many professors, employees and students that make this university such a pleasure to attend, I have also been reflecting on the things that I feel compelled to address before I throw myself into another institution.

During my time here, I have noticed an animosity toward the discourse on sex, sexuality, gender and feminism that has not only been undertaken in a way that aggravates the usual grain of safe and open dialogue in academia, but whose preferred mode of publicity displays a disturbing mixture of cowardice and fearful aggression, doubly offending those interested intelligent activism. I am referring, of course, to the washroom advocacy attempting to warn students of an impending coup d'état of campus misandrists (a topic that has already been graciously addressed in the February 2009 issue of the *Dagligtale*), and the more recent performance, apparently in response to the campus visit(s) from our most welcome transgendered guests, where pornography was placed on the windows of a vehicle outside of the first year residence building. Though the quality of the perpetrators insights will not be rewarded on this campus, it is safe to say that their enthusiasm for covert poster hanging make them a shoo-in for an organization like the CIA, where the ability to undermine progressive change is rewarded. Many thanks of course to those individuals who have made their concerns about these occurrences public, both in and out of class. This letter will be an attempt to address all occurrences of the kind noted on this campus, but particularly the latest one. I should also note that it is not my intention here to suggest that this behaviour is either widespread or elaborately organized, only that it has come up several times and in a way that necessitates a public response.

To the individuals who insist on this behaviour—few as they may be, and they know who they are—your intolerance and insecurity is demonstrative of some very well known patterns of power restoration, the source of which I cannot even begin to speculate. Your desperate expressions—no different than any other demonstration of power that I have seen that is based on a fear of difference and a perceived loss of control—are never going to be met with an increasing audience, but an audience increasingly concerned with your animosity toward difference. Your inability to stop and listen to those who veer off the path that you consider normal will isolate you; your preferred method of engagement with these issues already signals it. You are not an emerging underground movement whose values will in time be recognized as virtuous, but a shrinking clandestine minority whose regressive understanding of difference will leave you with fewer and fewer people supporting it. In other words, no, you are not actually participating in the campus theme this year; the apparent objectives of your pursuits actually suggest that you are participating in something more aligned with active consent or negative resistance. The vast conspiracy that you might think you are facing and others are being misled by—the socialist, feminist, pro-gay/lesbian, liberal, intellectual female amalgamate—is in fact a demonstration of the pursuit of equal opportunity. Consider that not every cause that can be bundled up into a category of like minded people is a plot for world domination; it may just be a large group of people who care deeply about the struggles of those who are susceptible to the disapproval and control of others.

Take note of those whose perspectives are dedicated to the plight of the most vulnerable in this world, and whose attention is most acutely attuned to exchanges of power between individuals, groups and institutions; there is something remarkably simple about the judgements they make because their assessments are based on

the experiences of those whose opportunities are most inhibited by their situation, identity, ethnicity etc., and so hinge on that which is universally constant. With this in mind, I encourage you to contemplate the origin and consistency of your assessments regarding the opinions that you have and the preferred method of demonstration that you have used to express them.

I hope by this point that I have made clear my departure from the discourse on gender, feminism, sex and sexuality in particular, toward addressing our need to confront inequality in whatever form it takes, whether it is racism, environmental destruction or the behaviour of a powerful state halfway around the world. My last note in this piece follows this intellection and is a message to students—particularly those students who may be new to the university community, and who bear witness to intolerance and poor argumentation but are afraid that if they confront it, they will be torn down, get themselves into a heated dispute or face widespread antagonism. I certainly cannot say that none of these things will happen, but I can say that the consistency of your assessments of what is right and just and what is wrong and unjustified as a student, a social commentator, an activist, a citizen of a country and a member of the human species is one of the most important aspects of a social life in any of these roles. This means that although this life (and it is a way of life from which you cannot check in and out) requires that you remain respectful of other perspectives and listen carefully to their argumentation, you must also be unapologetic in your pursuit of what is right and speak loudly against veiled attempts to indefinitely usurp or regain power where you see it happening. A fear of confrontation—if this is a concern, as it must be for some because I have seen it many times—is understandable, but it is a barrier necessary to overcome. Any retaliation that might come against you as a result of your speaking out—assuming that your assessments are made consistently, with good intention and in the name of those who may not share your privilege (as a university student), courage or opportunity—will additionally be made with disingenuous intentions and so no recovery of their argument can be reasonably expected when it is set-up against your own. There is a balance between being a bulldog for what you see to be wrong, while at the same time retaining an appropriate level of respect for other arguments, however inconsistent they may be. Consistency in your assessments and argumentation is important because it demonstrates that you are not altered by the power and gain that so often fill bad arguments with imperfections, but rather that you are motivated by a steadfast commitment to equality.

For those who suggest—and I am writing this pre-emptively in anticipation of what might be waged against what I have already argued—that what I have stated here is idealistic, or that talking about power in the way that I have here is formless and impotent, I say that this is not so, and that it is indeed pragmatic. Whether it is in class, in this newspaper or others (like the "Second Thought" column in *The Camrose Booster*), at work or among friends, ideas are enormously important and manifest within themselves a great deal of latent power. Challenging those ideas that are wrong in whatever setting we find ourselves in is an affront to power that, if uncontested, survives in a state of seemingly unassassable normalcy until such time that so few people challenge it that its essence is taken up in the service of concrete action.

As is the custom and spirit of open dialogue and fair debate, I welcome any response from readers, either publicly, through the *Dagligtale*, or personally, to my email, which I have provided: wdcoates@ualberta.ca.

Written by:
Wynn Coates

Entertainment

Support Your Habit

- Alicia Berger & Andi Peterson

For those of you who think that the price of gold is through the roof, it's only because you haven't taken a trip to our local bookstore of late! They've taken the prices off your textbooks because they don't want panic attacks and enter into hysterics in the book store. And this is just one of the many outrageous costs that are quickly running students into the red. We are all given the same advice to survive the many years of financial pressure that school allots us but the basics don't seem to be working. Therefore, we have come up with some more creative alternatives to help keep up with the financial addiction that is postsecondary education.

1. Sell Your Virginity

Hey, it worked for the geishas! But if you find that too shocking, or if that ship has sailed, you may want to stick to pouring tea. It may not be as lucrative but at least you can feel like you are trying to do something.

2. Sell Your Sperm

Say you're of the non-geisha sex, don't fret! You still have something that is sought after. You might have to drive to Edmonton but there are all sorts of benefits besides adding a little weight to your wallet: relieve stress, release happy hormones in your brain and exercise your right arm (or left depending on preference).

3. Scalp Tickets to the Augustana Fine Arts Performances

There must be money in it if it's worth a fine or jail term! While I can't guarantee that there will be the same demand for tickets for the Augustana Choir as there is for The Rolling Stones, I still say it's worth a try.

4. Hock Textbooks

This time of year, we have all been brutally reminded of what textbooks are worth, or at least what people are willing to pay for them. I say,

don't get mad, capitalize on it! Spend the year collecting up random textbooks that you see laying around...not only will you have a nice haul to bring back to the book-buy-back at the end of the semester but everyone will learn to keep a lot better track of their books.

5. Become a Part-Time Stripper

There is a definite lack of male strippers in this town, but no matter what your sex, stripping could be a very valid way to pick up extra pocket change! And maybe even pick up a date!

6. Host a Series of Garage Sales

Got a lot of junk laying around? Or maybe your roommates do? If not, don't despair! You can always execute this with things that you find at the dump, along side the road or even on your neighbors lawn. You can never have too many plastic flamingos!

7. Charge Admission to a Free Event

If ticket hocking doesn't go so well for you, try this one instead! Stand outside a concert, bar or performance that is free wearing your most officious looking outfit (maybe a nice shirt and tie combo) and smile warmly at the approaching people and announce your set price. Then proceed to talk without cease, about the performance maybe, so that they don't have a chance to argue with you. Once they have handed over the money, hand them a fake ticket if you so wish and tell them to enjoy the show.

8. The de Montarnal Special

Say you find yourself a little short of lunch money one day, you can kill two birds with one stone using the proven 'de Montarnal' method. With this technique not only will you get your lunch for free but you will get some extra coin in the process. All you have to do is find some food that most people would find revolting, say that hotdog that just fell on the floor and under someone's foot, and eat it for a set price. (Hint: establish that before consuming the food.) And there you have it, lunch and money!

2009 In the Rearview Mirror, 2010 Out the Windshield

A part of looking to the past with fond memories, is looking towards the future and what has yet to come. I've asked current and past members of the student body (I'll admit it, I put it up on my facebook) and asked what they think of when they look back on 2009 and what is in store for 2010. Here are some of the answers I got:

What do you think of when you look back on 2009?

- 2009? Thank God it's over (Anonymous)
- "What a long and strange journey it was." (Matthew MacPadden)
- "One of the worst and best years of my life." (Jesse Broadhead)
- Full of ups and downs. (Jacelyn Francescut)
- Loss of Ollie's Bridge (Alison McDonald)
- Loss of Mr. Gnome (Mr. Gnome)
- "I guess if I had to sum it all up in one word, it would be Change." (Julia Baker)
- Harley leaving Augi L (A psych student)
- No longer needing a Dr. note for unexcused absences (Alison McDonald)
- "After the terror, the awesome first semester I had" (Nadia Rebikowich)

Augustana's thoughts for 2010:

- 2010: Hopefully a better world at the end of the year than at the beginning. (Brent Kelly)
- "Life goes on. It's just another year." (Anonymous)
- "I have no idea, I'm just going to take it one day at a time." (Julia Baker)
- "Mostly I think it will be a really good year. It started with a lot of positive things!" (Matthew MacPadden)
- "Now in 2010 comes the transition from university to the rest of my life: I want to stay focused on what I'm passionate about, keep learning as much as I can, and never compromise on what I believe in. I want my actions to line up with my words." (Sarah Skinner)
- Faculty Follies (Alison McDonald)
- GRADUATION! (The seniors, the super seniors, and those lucky 6th years)

Wishlist for 2010 at Augustana:

- Daytime student parking lot.
- Stop with the dam construction.
- More equal distribution of funding.
- Raving of parking lots.
- A more present Student Association. Who are they again?
- Faculty Follies every year. Seriously.
- Better done in the ravine. Nuff said.
- Better representation of Augustana by our sports teams through better comportment.

Camrose Wishlist:

- Seriously Camrose, plow your roads.
- Public transportation please!

Things 2009 gave us:

- Death of Michael Jackson
- New Library
- Augustana's new Steinway
- Mr. Gnome
- New Mascot
- Cool new water feature
- Lots of noise and air pollution due to construction
- Femininity back in the Dag Office (finally!)

Fun Stuff

As the end of my last year approaches and I look back on my soon to be four wonderful years at Augustana, I have begun to think about what made my Augi experience truly amazing. This led to a list of the top twenty things that every student must do before leaving Augustana in order to ensure the full Augi experience. (Please note that alcohol and Gossip Girl may have led me to believe that this was a good idea.)

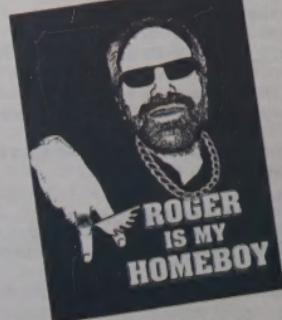
1. Dress up Luther (as respectfully as possible) and then take pictures...which you will then post on Facebook for the world to enjoy.
2. Sing (drunken?) Karaoke at Scalliwags on Friday nights and enjoy the wide variety of talent from the tone deaf to the undiscovered super stars!
3. Followed by a trip to the ethereal Old Cinema (affectionately known as a wide variety of STIs) for some drinking, some dancing and some general tomfoolery.
4. Take a class with four people or less – subject is unimportant, experience is all that matters
5. Theme party at a party house (back in my day this could be found at the Tulleymore or the Coop house but can easily be done wherever you youngin's party these days!)
6. Sev runs! 7/11 can only truly be appreciated between midnight and 4:00 am while either drunk (or at least coming home from the bar) or in pjs. I would advise you to experience both...well all three really!
7. Very few people know that in the basement of the Classroom building we have a biology museum – a morbid little room filled with skeletons, stuffed armadillos and a wide array of disgusting looking things in jars! Totally worth checking out – and if you're lucky and the biology department has just finished their experiments with crickets, it might also be full of those as well...although usually still alive!
8. Check out soup supper whether you are religious or not – often preceded by a worship service, depending on the time of year, which is done very majestically by candle light with some divine singing. Eating communally is an experience unlike any other and the soup, to die for!
9. Faculty Follies! A rare treat that only happens once every two years and it worth every moment of anticipation! Would you like to see your male psych or religion prof in a dress? Or our head librarian be 20 different people simultaneous who some of whom suggested mood lighting for...umm, "late night studying." If so, then don't miss the faculty follies...hopefully coming up this year?
10. Take part in a preview day or a welcome weekend. We can ensure the same great experiences and pass on our wealth of knowledge (some good, some...not to be told in front of their parents).
11. Go tobogganing! With plenty of snow and just enough hills, our campus is located in the ultimate tobogganing zone! Take it off campus and you can even include some "hot chocolate."
12. Attend your bashes!! This is such a rare opportunity to party with so many students, in a safe environment, sometimes in beautiful gowns sometimes in a bikini, so take advantage of these few stress free moments and get dressed up and party hardy.
13. Volunteer at the Rocky Road Ice Cream Fantasy. Want an opportunity to eat as much ice cream as you can and play like a child with hundreds of children? Well here's your chance! Check out Rez life for more info.
14. Open Mic at Scalliwags. Not sure you're ready to get up and do the singing yourself? Well then check out Scallies on Wednesday for open mic nights to listen to many talented Augustana students and Camrose residents.
15. O-Team! If you remember your very first day on campus it was probably hectic and confusing and maybe even a little bit scary. I can assure you that that day was much easier because you didn't have to move all your own 'crap' up three stories without an elevator. That was made possible by the extra-ordinary efforts of students who have signed up for O-Team, so pay it forward and sign up to help out the next batch of terror-stricken first years.
16. 3 am Tax Brawl! While most days, getting a cab in Camrose is a pretty simple event that all changes when you are outside of Caddies at 3 in the morning and have to fight of a throng of drunks to get it
17. Chase (or be chased by) the swans or deer. While sometimes they are violent or just annoying, they can, nonetheless, offer unlimited amounts of entertainment...perhaps on your walk home from OCs ;)
18. 3 am Fire Drills. Calling them fire drills might be a little too kind. Really it's some 'dumbass' who has decided to pull the alarm in the middle of the night in FYD so 300 people have to stand outside in artic temperatures while the RAs go through every dorm room in the building. And yet, this is somehow still a right of passage, if you can survive that after a night of partying with a midterm the next morning, you can survive anything!
19. Wing's at Geos, preferably for a Flames vs. Oilers game. Giant TV's projecting hockey, fishbowls and wings...what more could a person ask for?
20. Attend an Augustana Choir/Drama/Music Dept. Production. Who wouldn't like to see their classmates and friends dressed in towels parading around the stage in fur boas and high heels? Support the arts, show some school spirit and make some pretty unforgettable memories!

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